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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Naoki HIGA  
 SEALED TYPE LEAD ACID BATTERY  
**Assignee: JAPAN STORAGE BATTERY CO., LTD.**  
 Our Ref. Q66073

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including fifteen (15) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, eleven (11) sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>					<b>\$710.00</b>
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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from September 04, 2000 based on Japanese Patent Application No. P.2000-267517. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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